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Floris Jean Hampton - President
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LUNCHEON

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Duane Baugher - Vice-President
Dodge City Community College

INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTERS

Sam Seybold - Chairman
Hall of Fame Committee

RECIPIENT

PRESENTER

Herb Bender	Bill Cummins
Lee Braddock	Orville Kliever
Larry Oakes	Anthony Lyons

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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Beryl Lowery
Betty Muncy
Francis Revitte
Dick Ridge

Herb Bender
Athletic Achievement

Herb Bender was born in Russell County on September 19, 1915, the son of Henry and Anna Bender. He graduated from Luray High School in 1934, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Fort Hays State University in 1938.

After leaving college where he won numerous athletic honors, he played football with the professional Brooklyn Eagles in 1938. One of his teammates in Brooklyn was the legendary Vince Lombardi.

As a coach of football and basketball in Long Island, Almena and Ulysses (high schools) and Dodge City Community College for 38 years, Bender's teams recorded 472 victories compared to 160 losses.

While basketball coach for the Conqs, Bender's teams earned berths in the NJCAA national tournament for five consecutive years (1948 to 1952) and placed fourth in 1948. Bender is credited with bringing the NJCAA basketball tournament to Hutchinson. He is one of the first coaches to use a zone defense in basketball.

When he was inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame, his presenter, Nelson Hartman, KSHSAA executive director, said, "Coach Bender's lasting influence exceeds that which can be measured by wins and losses. As a teacher and coach, he had a positive impact on the total school and community. It was always his desire to see young people give of their very best."

Bender and his late wife, Delores, were the parents of four sons. The oldest son, Gary, is an ABC sports commentator. Bender's present wife is the former Maxine Smith.

Lee Braddock
Voluntary Service

Born January 19, 1925, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Braddock in Marion, Kansas, Lee Braddock graduated from Dodge City Senior High School in 1943, and served in the U.S. Army until 1945. He earned the rank of sergeant and was a member of the Third Army commanded by General George Patton which participated in the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944 and advanced to Austria by the end of World War II.

He attended Michigan State University and Monmouth (Illinois) College before graduating from Emporia State University in 1949. Braddock taught at Lincoln School for three years and at Dodge City Junior High School for six years from 1949 to 1958.

Braddock took over as director of Dodge City Recreation Commission in 1958, and continues in that position. He was a leader in the nation in developing a competitive T-Ball program for young people and was a pioneer in making all recreation programs coeducational. The programs he designed encompass activities for people of all ages, pre-teens through senior citizens.

Braddock was a member of Dodge City Community College's first Board of Trustees. He served eight years beginning in 1964 and then from 1980 to 1984. During Braddock's first tour as a trustee, the college gained support of the people of Ford County for a bond issue that allowed the institution to move from its former home on Second Avenue to its present campus.

During his long tenure as Recreation Commission director, Braddock has received distinguished service awards from Sport Magazine and the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. He earned a Hunter Safety Award from the Kansas Wildlife Federation.

Braddock gained respect as a football and basketball official from the Kansas State High School Activities Association and served that organization as a supervisor of officials.

Braddock and his late wife, Margaret, were the parents of seven children.

Larry Oakes
Career Achievement

A native of Alva, Oklahoma, Larry Oakes was born September 11, 1938, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oakes. He graduated from Plains (Kansas) High School in 1956, and came to Dodge City to attend college.

Oakes graduated from Dodge City Community (then Junior) College in 1958. He enlisted in the United States Army in June 1959, and after service in the U.S. and two tours in Germany, he completed Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1968, and Jungle Operations School the following year.

After his tour as a commissioned officer which included service in Vietnam, Oakes completed the Noncommissioned Officers Academy in 1975. His service included assignments as a first sergeant, an infantry platoon leader, and a squad leader. He served as a Command Sergeant Major of a battalion of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from 1986 until his retirement September 30.

In addition to tours at Fort Campbell, Fort Benning, Germany and Vietnam, Oakes served at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Polk, Louisiana, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Korea.

Oakes' military decorations include The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device and four Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and the Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar.

His wife, Edith, is a native of Howard in southeast Kansas.